

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the application of:

PIERRE BERNARD

Serial No.: 10/682,541

Filed: October 10, 2003

For: device for immobilizing a connecting rod in an
osseous anchoring element of a rachidian implant



) Examiner: Annette R. Reimers

) Art Unit: 3733

PETITION TO REVIVE AN ABANDONED APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Applicant's attorney respectfully petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) on the ground that the entire period of delay in taking required further action was completely unintentional.

The petition fee of \$750.00 is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Date: 7/20, 2006

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